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FRANK E. HOWE, Editor and Pub.

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 1916.

The Republican state platform will be prepared tomorrow by the candidates for state office, county senators and town representatives. The gathering will not be large for the whole number of those eligible to sit in the convention is less than 250 and it is not likely that all will be present. Compelling the candidates to write the platform is a radical departure in Vermont and we expect the assembly of candidates will be rather timid in the new venture and confine themselves largely to generalities. It will, however, be better to have a little put forward with sincerity than to offer much which will never be performed.

The Episcopal church is probably polite in proposing to eliminate from its ritual prayers the word damn and substitute therefor the milder word condemn, which has exactly the same meaning. But damn, it appears to us, has a virility, it seems to be dressed in its every day clothes. While condemn looks like the same individual, but all dolled up and in full polite evening clothes. Personally, we had rather be damned than condemned. But others do their liking!—Rutland News.

You will doubtless be both condemned and damned. Most newspaper editors are and with much fervor.

Some of the Vermont newspapers need to be told that the primary canvass is completed and no good can come from continued nasty personal flings at Allen M. Fletcher. Mr. Fletcher is known by his friends to be a kind-hearted, courteous man of clean habits, rather unusual devotion to his family and home, generous and upright, a good neighbor and an honest man. His worst offence is that he has done what he earnestly believed to be right and done it in his own way instead of following the Vermont precedent. Most of the unkind things that have been said about Fletcher are untrue, but in the heat of a campaign some things can be forgiven that are not in good taste now that the campaign is over. Mr. Fletcher is a former governor of Vermont. Even those who dislike him have no good reason now for that note of personal hatred which is apparent in the editorial comment of two or three Vermont papers. Isn't it time to cut it out, boys?

The direct primary is, on the Statute books of Vermont to stay. No legislature, for at least years to come, will have the courage to repeal it.—Burlington Clipper.

Maybe so, but it is difficult to understand why the legislature should hesitate to repeal a law, that has made no improvement and the operation of which places a heavy burden of expense on the state.—Rutland News.

Over 45,000 Vermont voters took part in the recent primary and it is for them to say whether the law shall be retained or discarded. The legislature has no moral right to repeal the law as it was adopted by referendum—two referendums in fact. There are a few folks like the News who would prefer to see the business of the state managed by a select few and they have a right to that view, but we suspect that the rank and file of the voters do not hold a similar opinion. No mere newspaper, not even so excellent a one as the News, has the right to speak for the voters of Vermont. After the Australian ballot law had been once tried in Vermont there was the same sort of outcry for its repeal that is now being made against the primary. The Australian ballot law was given further trial and fairness demands that the primary be given similar treatment. The statement made by the News that the primary places a heavy burden of expense on the state is untrue. The truth is that the expense is no greater than under the old caucus and convention system and it is much more equitably distributed. As there is no one so blind, however, as he who won't see, it is not probable that the News will be convinced.

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At a Probate Court, holden at Bennington within and for said District on the 25th day of September, 1916 an instrument purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Hiram H. Allen late of Bennington in said District, deceased, was presented to the Court aforesaid, for Probate.

And it is ordered by said Court that the 18th day of October 1916 at the Probate Office in said Bennington, be assigned for proving said instrument; and that notice thereof be given to all persons concerned by publishing this order three weeks successively in the Bennington Evening Banner a newspaper circulating in that vicinity, in said District, previous to the time appointed.

THEREFORE, you are hereby notified to appear before said Court, at the time and place aforesaid, and contest the probate of said will, if you have cause.

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